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1. UPON MY RETURN THIS AFTERNOON FROM PORT SAID, WHERE I INSPECTED OUR NEW CONSULATE, I WAS GIVEN REFTEL. DCM MATHEWS HAD BEEN TRYING MOST OF THE DAY TO CONTACT FAHMY IN ALEXANDRIA, BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS. FAHMY WAS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE VISITING SAUDI AND KUWAITI FONMINS. AFTER TRYING SEVERAL TIMES MYSELF, UNSUCCESSFULLY, I FINALLY MANAGED TO GET HIM AT HIS HOME IN ALEXANDRIA AT 1930 THIS EVENING AND CONVEYED YOUR MESSAGE. I URGED HIM KEEP AN OPEN MIND SO THAT WE CAN PURSUE WITH THE EGYPTIANS A FEW POINTS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO US AND TOLD HIM WE WERE ANXIOUS, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, NOT TO HAVE AN OUTCOME IN WHICH WE WOULD HAVE TO PART COMPANY. I ALSO INFORMED HIM WE ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER HIS IDEA OF A SEPARATE USG STATEMENT ON THE FRENCH CONSENSUS STATEMENT IF BOTH OF US ARE TALKING ABOUT THE ORIGINAL FRENCH TEXT (USUN 2209).

2. FAHMY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR OUR POSITION AND WILLINGNESS TO LOOK FOR SOME WAY IN WHICH WE WILL NOT PART COMPANY. HOWEVER, HE INSISTED HE COULD NOT ACCEPT OUR REVISIONS, SINCE DOING SO WOULD MEAN GOE ACCEPTS THE LEGITIMACY OF WHAT THE

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ISRAELIS ARE GOING IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. WE SHOULD UNDER-

STAND THAT, EVEN IF THE ISRAELIS ARE RIGHT, EGYPT CANNOT ACCEPT THIS. THE ISREALIS CAN THEN INTREPRET EGYPTIAN ACCEPTANCE IN ANY WAY THEY WISH. IT WOULD BE TATAMOUNT TO EGYPTIAN ACCEPTANCE OF

ISRAELI OCCUPATION. THEY CAN THEN FREELY CHANGE THE DEMOGRAPHIC STRUCTURE OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND JUSTIFY DOING SO AS A SECURITY MEASURE. THE OTHER ARABS AND THE NON-ALIGNED WOULD BE UP IN ARMS.

3. FAHMY CONFIRMED THAT A SEPARATE USG STATEMENT EXPRESSING SOME BALANCING THOUGHTS ON THE FRENCH CONSENSUS STATEMENT IS WHAT HE HAS IN MIND. HE HAD INSTRUCTED ABDEL MEGUID TO PROPOSE SOME "MINOR" CHANGES TO THE ORIGINAL FRENCH CONSENSUS STATEMENT, BUT THESE - HE ARGUED- ARE INCONSEQUENTIAL. HE DID NOT HAVE THEM AT HAND AND ASKED THAT I CALL HIS AIDE, AMR MUSA, AT MFA TO GET THEM. FAMY REITERATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, TO WORK WITH US TO AVOID A US VETO.

4. I THEN CALLED AMR MUSA TO ASCERTAIN CHANGES WHICH FAHMY HAS ASKED ABDEL MEGUID TO TRY TO GET IN THE FRENCH CONSENSUS STATEMENT. IN COMPARING OUR VERSION (USUN 2209) AND THE ONE THE EGYPTIANS RECEIVED FROM NY, THERE WERE SOME LANGUAGE DIFFERENCES, BUT IT WAS CLEAR THESE RESULTED FROM TRANSLATION VARIATNS FROM THE FRENCH TEXT AND WERE NOT SUBSTANTIVE IN NATURE. ACCORDING TO MUSA, HOWEVER, THE CHANGES FAHMY HAS REQUESTED ARE TWO IN NUMBER: A) CHANGE "INITIATIVES" IN THIRD SENTENCE, SECOND PARA OF TEXT GIVEN PARA 4, USUN 2209 TO EITHER "MEASURES" OR "ACTIONS", AND (B) ADD ADDITIONAL SENTENCE AT END TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL REMAINS SEIZED OF THE MATTER. HE (FAHMY) ALSO INSISTS ON RETAINING "DEPLORES" IN THIRD SENTENCE, SECOND PARA OF FRENCH STATEMENT.

5. PRESUMABLY ABDEL MEGUID WLL PROPOSE THE ABOVE TOMORROW. EGYPTIANS HAD NOT HEARD ANYTHING FROM HIM TODAY RE UNSC DEVELOPMENTS. FAHMY KNOWS WE WILL PROBABLY BE IN TOUCH WITH EGYPTIANS IN NEW YORK TOMORROW.
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